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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ALFRED WING KIN CHAN

Application No.: 09/982,993

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: October 22, 2001

Examiner: Unassigned

For: PIPE FITTINGS

PETITION TO ACCORD FILING DATE AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Dear Sir:

The referenced patent application was filed on October 22, 2001. According to the attached Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, a filing date has not been accorded because the specification of the patent application was missing.

According to Applicant's records and the receipt bearing the postmark of the OIPE, a complete patent application was filed including a six page specification with a single page of claims and a single page of abstract. Applicant hereby petitions for granting of the filing date.

As evidence of the filing of a complete patent application, a photocopy of the postcard receipt for the filing of the patent application is attached. In addition, a copy of the entire specification including the claims and abstract, which was the subject of a Preliminary Amendment filed simultaneously with the patent application, is also attached. No question was raised concerning the two sheets of drawings so it is presumed that the drawings were received.

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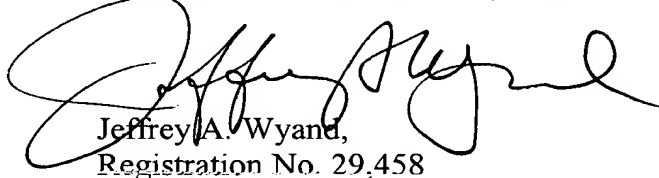
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Finally, the petition fee of \$130 is attached. Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the petition fee to Deposit Account 12-1216 because the application as filed was complete as proven by the attachments. .

Respectfully submitted,

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